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Gerri Lum, Rock Harbor Manager

Another month in the books. Cooler weather hinting upon us. On the cusp of the close of yet another year. WOW.

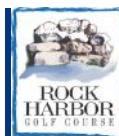
You may have noticed that over the last few months of the season, we've tried to boost up member play activity through varying leagues and member only events with different formats. As we roll into the cooler weather allowing us to reassess; re-evaluate play we are still looking into more diverse formats of play. We hope to put together more evening 9 hole events. We also hope to revive the old 'North/South' matches. We haven't confirmed but are talking with clubs north of the Mason/Dixon.

These efforts are to enhance your membership experience here at Rock Harbor with our hope that it's something to be welcomed. It is our belief that the more you enjoy your membership you will likely entice others to join. I have maintained that some of the lasting friendships started at the 1st tee. To that end, we've held member social gatherings throughout the year and will continue to do so. These get-togethers are meant to bring as many of members into that circle of comradery that defines Rock Harbor as a golf club. In other areas; since last off-season, we are seeking members who are willing to seriously sit-in on a tournament/handicap committee. It would entail having to decide on play formats, gross or net or both. Ultimately the decision would befall the club's management, yet the input garnered from the committee would have a great impact. The handicap committee would be in part to ensure that member competition is fair and equitable using the VSGA/USGA handicap system. The committee will also be involved to hear disputes if a member is alleged to have abused the handicapping system in order to gain an unfair advantage during any event sponsored by the golf club. Management would sit in with the committee but will remain out of the voting if one is necessary.

These measures are an attempt to facilitate the club organized events void of fraudulent practices before they occur. And also with a clear understanding by all participants in any such event as to the scoring methodology and determinate outcome computation used during the event. (format and scoring method used: gross/net, aggregate, best ball, etc.) Thank you all for a wonderful golf season and here's to hope that golf can continue to be played into the "off" months.

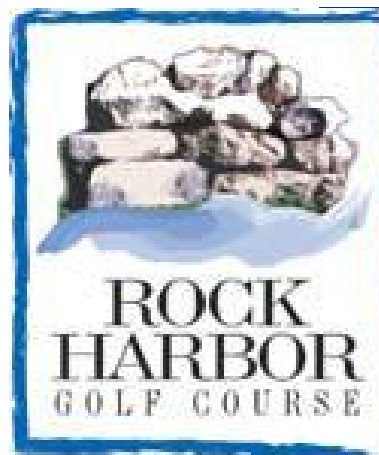
If you would like to be a part of the Tournament/Handicap committee, please contact Gerri at: mgr.proshop@rockharborgolf.com

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Rock Harbor News

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The Face of The Rock is Changing

No matter how you *slice* it.....

Here is a preview of some new looks coming to The Rock. The Rock Harbor Pro Shop will begin carrying some new lines of apparel which will be featuring new Rock Harbor logos.



Congratulations to Brett Loy, a Sherando Sophomore and member of Rock Harbor for winning the Virginia State Group 4a Golf Championship in October. You can read the full article online at The Winchester Star.



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From The Ground Up



By Bobby Jenkins, Rock Harbor Superintendent

The greens, as you may have noticed, have taken a step or two backwards compared to what they were during the Member Guest & Boulder Tournament weekends. Everything was fine until we aerified, verticut and top-dressed the greens in August.

There is a disease called Crown Rotting Anthracnose (Basal Rot Anthracnose) which may have been the underlying problem. This disease attacks the crowns of the grass plant unlike the more common anthracnose that attacks the foliage. This disease was originally called "Cold Temperature Anthracnose" because it was primarily seen in the cold weather of Spring. It has since been observed occurring throughout the season.

This disease has the potential to be devastating. To insure the recovery of our greens I have applied a different fungicide which seems to have stopped the spread of the disease. A second application was applied on Oct. 20-24. We are also planning to top-dress the greens in hopes to make the putting conditions better. Getting thru the Winter and moving into Spring we will once again aerify, verticut and top-dress the greens which should get everything back to normal.

Pathogen causing crown rot of creeping bentgrass manifests itself from temperatures of 60 degrees to 77 degrees Fahrenheit. As you may recall August was a cooler month than usual. Another recommendation to rectify the problem is to raise mowing heights to reduce the severity of the disease, in some cases. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Fresh From The Grill



Chip Connelly, Grill Manager

The holiday season is upon us and its time to start thinking about holiday parties. Rock Harbor Grill is a great atmosphere to entertain your employees and relatives visiting from out of town this year. We are open everyday for breakfast and lunch. We have dinner every Saturday night with excellent dinner specials. Holiday parties can be reserved for any night of the week, except Saturday night unless you have a small group. Rock Harbor can comfortably seat 60 people for a sit down dinner or full buffet. We can also accommodate 72 people for a stand-up buffet with heavy hors d'oeuvres. Visit rockharborgolf.com to view our Holiday Planner which features our full buffet and party menu. We have anything from Stuffed Pork Chops to Crab Imperial Stuffed Flounder to Steamship Round, or invent your own unique menu to entertain your guest. Call Chip to reserve your party..... 540-722-9678 or chip@rockharborgolf.com



"Man blames fate for other accidents but feels personally responsible for a hole in one."
 -Martha Beckman

Member Corner

Bob and Nancy Hartman.....

The first thing you will notice about Bob and Nancy is their sense of humor and obvious love for adventure. Bob and Nancy have been married for 60 years but have known each other for over 70 years. During their time together they have raised 3 children and now have 11 grandchildren. Family has always been very important to them and especially during the summer months. Bob and Nancy have both been teachers so time off during the summer meant travel with the family. Even after their children have been long gone the Hartman continue to rack up some serious travel miles. They have traveled to over 30 different countries with Norway, Africa, Australia, Russia and Thailand mentioned as some of their most favorites. One of their most memorable trips was walking across the entire coun-

try of England. They traveled 14 miles each day and the trip lasted 2 weeks. With a total of 192 miles traveled and lots of quaint inns and English pubs in between their pedestrian journey.

At the end of October the Hartman's will travel to Oklahoma State to see the Wrestling Hall of Fame, they will also search the college for a golf course to play while passing through. In the winter months they travel north to Michigan, Canada and Montana to cross-country ski. They will also travel to Black Water Falls, WV for a family cross-country ski trip with their children and grandchildren.

Bob and Nancy found their way to Rock Harbor after 30 years of membership at Shenandoah Country Club. They began to find that they knew exactly how to play every hole and which club to use every



time. They were looking for a new challenge and they found it at Rock Harbor. Bob and Nancy have enjoyed thinking about how to play the course and have even spent months figuring out where sand traps are and how to play each hole, but the challenge is not over yet, they even love when the pin has been placed in a different position from the day before because now it becomes a new hole to figure out, which club to use and how to avoid the traps all over again.

Bob and Nancy both love hole #11-Boulder because of the challenge, Bob said he just aims for the big rock and it usually works out.